

Notes to the Town:

Winter has us focused on indoor projects at the Town Hall and snow removal for the Highway Superintendent and staff.

Town Clerk, Patty Canfield is following through on two Records Management grants, one to atmospherically control the inactive records of the Town and the other to process and preserve old, tattered and torn records. These projects are a result of grant funding from the New York State Education Department. These grant successful opportunities are a result of the commitment focused on the responsibility to maintain records of the Town.

Successfully, we are managing a grant of \$61,000.00 to install a generator at Town Hall. The ability to provide for emergency backup power in case of an emergency creates additional community space to house folks in case of emergency. The LeRoy Pantry and Help Fund location at Town Hall adds to the benefit. Financial support for the improvement at Town Hall is courtesy of Senator Mary Lou Rath and Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt. Our representatives have paid close attention to the fostering and improvement of LeRoy.

Additionally, together with the Village we are involved in a feasibility study of a walking trail from Village to Buttermilk Falls. The feasibility study will only address data collection, planning a best-fit route and landowner issues. The desired outcome would be a plan for use in application for grant funding to construct a non-motorized walking trail. The community has received this grant through an application of the Village and Town to Genesee Region Transportation Council. The selected consulting firm for the study is Clark Patterson Associates and John Steinmetz. Local knowledge is important to address all the opportunity in the feasibility study. We have placed a proposed trail image in the window at the Town Hall for your viewing pleasure. The study requires several public input meetings, we hope the community attends, participates and contributes. More information will be shared in this column as available.

Highway staff is focused on maintaining clear, safe and passable roads for the community during the snow fall season. To help in that goal, we as residents have some responsibility too. Individuals plowing snow from driveways are not to create dangerous conditions for motorists and or pedestrians. Residents that have fire hydrants located on their property are responsible to shovel the snow clear, to prevent lost time during an emergency situation, should one occur. Maintaining clear passable paths to homes for emergency response and clear, visible house numbers greatly aid in locating homes in the event and response to emergencies.

#### Departmental Reports:

Town Clerk: is receiving property tax payments through the month of February with a 1% penalty assessed. Property tax payments received in March will include a 2% penalty. All unpaid property tax bills will be returned to Genesee County Treasurer for collection after March 31, 2005. This is a change from the past. Please be aware of the new local tax collection deadline.

Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer: The Town and Village have entered into a 5-G Inter-Municipal Agreement to join the Planning Boards of the community. According to the agreement the boards will be one and work to reduce the membership through attrition. Jointly, updating to community zoning will be one of the first significant projects to tackle. Having the combination of knowledge is a huge asset to this process. All formal zoning updates will have a public input process. The first meeting will be held on February 15, 2005. We congratulate all of the members of the joint board for their foresight and commitment to our community.

New to our permitting process, all applications that trigger a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) will have to file a complete application to the Town Planning Board prior to submitting to the County Planning Board. These changes will lengthen the process, as we have known it in the past. All applicants should be aware that their application timeline will be longer than assumed. Please be prepared to apply in a timely manner. The Genesee County Planning Department has instituted this rule change due to a recent court ruling of State Supreme Court Judge Noonan.

Assessor: Updates to Village properties continues to go along smoothly. All STAR applications are due in by March 1, 2005. Assessor has mailed to each homeowner a STAR application if there is not one on file. Senior STAR exemptions are available to anyone turning 65 in 2005. Please do not wait until after turning 65 to apply for the Senior STAR exemption. Assessor can be reached at 768-6910, ext. 221 to confirm your exemption status.

Assessor is planning for 2005 two community educational presentations for understanding the assessment purpose and process in New York State. A representative of GAR Associates will be presenting the information in an interactive format. Watch for more information in the near future.

Recreation: Plan on participating in the local photography contest. The guidelines of the contest to create a visual feel of life in our community are found in the last week's Pennysaver. We anxiously await the submissions! Winning photographs will be placed in various municipal buildings throughout the community! Any questions, please call Recreation Director at 768-6910, ext 226.

Town Board News: The Town Board will be attending an informational meeting on wind power with other municipalities and planning boards. Updates to zoning codes will be examined for need. Assessment policy of the Real Property Tax Administration for wind turbines will be addressed too. Information will be available for public education as the process moves further along.

Town Board met with a proposed light district on Linwood Road, last month, decision was to circulate a formal petition. Those residents in favor of the light district signed the petition, (as their yes vote) those not in favor, did not sign the petition (as their no vote). Town Board will wait to confirm the two 51% tests for population and valuation.

Town Board also met last month with homeowners from Perry Road for interest in forming a water district. The two action items as a result of the conversation include:

1. Raw water test, scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>. Homeowners will be notified by mail to schedule an AM or PM appointment on that day. Genesee County Health Department will perform the test at no charge to the homeowners for this process.
2. Revise the proposed route to include the rest of Cole Road to Perry Road and avoid long runs that will not be able to serve homes. The impact of the new route is \$75.00 less per year per homeowner than the entire Perry Road length.

After the Town receives the raw water test data we will invite the landowners in and solicit direction from them.

Proposed water district for Randall/Keeney is stuck in the administrative process. We must wait for the new rules of USDA Rural Development to finalize our Pre-Eligibility Determination application. Grants man, Stu Brown is most anxious to complete the application and submit for consideration.

Town Board members are assigned committee responsibility at organizational meeting. Here is the list of assignments, please feel free to contact us when having an issue surrounding these committee issues.

Assessment	Stein, McBurney
Audit	DeFazio, Smith
Building	DeFazio, Stein
Cemetery	Merica, Smith
Computer/IT	Smith, McBurney
Court	McBurney, Merica
Highway	Merica, McBurney
Insurance	Merica, Stein
Transfer/Recycle	McBurney, Merica, Roth
Parks/Rec	DeFazio, Smith
Personnel	Smith, DeFazio
Public Safety	Entire Board, Roth
Town/School/Village	Stein, DeFazio
Water/Sewer	Stein, Merica

To contact us call 768-6910, extensions are listed below:

Stein, Rochelle	231
Defazio, Bruno	502
McBurney, Phil	500
Merica, Duke	503
Smith, Christine	501

The rest of the staff extensions follow:

Code, Zone	Sinclair, Gene	223
Assessor	Hiscutt, Beth	221
Recreation	Bardeen, Kristi	226
Court Clerk	Miller, Kay	236
Court Clerk	Rindell, Dawn	234
Judge	Arrington, Kermit	232
Judge	Dusen, Chuck	233
Building Custodian	Kanaley, Terry	241
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Historian	Walters, Irene	230

Town Highway Facility	Roth, Jerry	768-8744
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We hope these numbers are a helpful reference.

Join us for our next regularly scheduled meetings on February 24 and March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Town Hall. Please call for placement on agenda Monday prior to meeting to Town Clerk, Patty Canfield at 768-6910, ext 224.

Thanks for all your continued support,  
Shelley Stein, Supervisor 768-6910 ext. 231